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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

RE: Amendment of Section 73.2020(b)

Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations

(Ashland, Coaling, Cordova, Decatur, Dora, Hackleburg, Hobson City, Holly Pond, Midfield, Sylacauga, and Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and Atlanta, Georgia)

#### Dear Madame:

Enclosed for filing are an original and four (4) copies of Joint Comments on Counterproposal in the above-referenced matter.

Should there be any questions, please contact the undersigned counsel to Williams Communications.

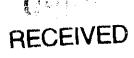
Sincerely,

Howard M. Weiss

Enclosure

cc: All Parties on Certificate of Service

# Before the Federal Communications Commission Washington, DC 20554



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In the Matter of	) FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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(Ashland, Coaling, Cordova, Decatur,	j
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To: Assistant Chief, Audio Division

Media Bureau

## **JOINT COMMENTS ON COUNTERPROPOSAL**

Cox Radio, Inc., and its wholly owned subsidiary CXR Holdings, Inc. (collectively "Cox"), Williams Communications ("Williams"), and KEA Radio, Inc. and Pulaski Broadcasting, Inc. (collectively "Counterproponents") hereby respectfully submit their Comments on the foregoing Counterproposal in response to the Commission's Notice of January 8, 2004 (Report No. 2642). In support hereof, the following is stated:

1. Cox, Williams and the Counteproponents wholeheartedly support adoption of both the proposal made by Cox and Williams, of which the Commission gave notice on March 21, 2003 (DA 03-816), and the Counterproposal, as modified by the Joint Additional Supplemental Comments filed by the parties on December 19, 2003. As the Joint Comments point out, the proposals, as modified, are no longer mutually exclusive and therefore can both be granted. Grant of the Cox and Williams proposal will result in a preferential arrangement of allotments by providing Midfield, Hackleburg and Coaling, Alabama with their first local transmission services. Further, Hobson City will receive its first competitive and first aural nighttime service. Grant of the Counterproposal will

provide a first local transmission service to Killen, Alabama and a net gain of radio service to more than 200,000 persons.

- 2. The Counterproposal Notice includes reference coordinates for Killen and Scottsboro. Cox, Williams, and the Counterproponents support use of these coordinates, but also reiterate their earlier proposal that the Commission specify the following coordinates for the allotment at Ashland, Alabama: 33-13-30/085-53-40.
- 3. Accordingly, the parties urge the Commission promptly to adopt both proposals, conserving administrative resources while achieving substantial allocations benefits.

Respectively submitted

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Evelyn Thompson, a secretary at Fletcher, Heald & Hildreth PLC, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing "Joint Comments On Counterproposal" was sent on this <u>23rd</u> day of January, 2004, via First-Class United States mail, postage prepaid, to the following:

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